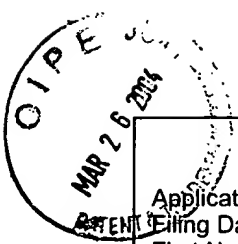


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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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- ☐ An Amendment After Final Action (37 CFR 1.116) is attached and applicant(s) request expedited action.
- ☒ Charge any fee not covered by any check submitted to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
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- ☐ Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

**ATTACHMENTS**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action
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